

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9-11, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically on page 18 and Figure 4.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

### **II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112 and §103(a)**

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,529,878 to DeRafael, et al. (hereinafter, merely "DeRafael") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,400,248 to Chisholm (hereinafter, merely "Chisholm").

### III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

#### A. Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Independent claims 1 and 9-11 are amended, thereby obviating the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

#### B. Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1, recites, *inter alia*:

“A contents market research system...

**...poll result counting means for discriminately counting said contents polling information entered by a predetermined pollee determined before said content introduction information is opened to a general pollee and said contents polling information entered by said general pollee...**

**...wherein a purchase intention on the basis of cost and a sales offer transmission request are included in the content polling information”** (Emphasis added)

The Office Action (see page 7) concedes that DeRafael fails to teach poll result counting means for discriminately counting said contents polling information entered by a predetermined pollee determined before said content introduction information is opened to a general pollee and said contents polling information entered by said general pollee, and relies on “specific individuals” disclosed in Chisholm to reject the above-identified features of claim 1. Applicant respectfully that the “specific individuals” disclosed in Chisholm are determined based on type of votes they voted (see volume 5, line55-page 8, line 15 of Chisholm). Nothing in Chisholm discloses a predetermined pollee determined before said content introduction information is opened to a general pollee and said contents polling information entered by said general pollee, as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that DeRafael and Chisholm, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Indeed, Applicant submits that nothing has been found in DeRafael and Chisholm that would teach or suggest “poll result counting means for discriminately counting said contents polling information entered by a predetermined pollee determined before said content introduction information is opened to a general pollee and said contents polling information entered by said general pollee” and “wherein a purchase intention on the basis of cost and a sales offer transmission request are included in the content polling information”, as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 9-11 are also patentable.

#### **IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

#### **CONCLUSION**

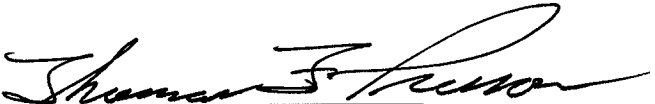
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the

Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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